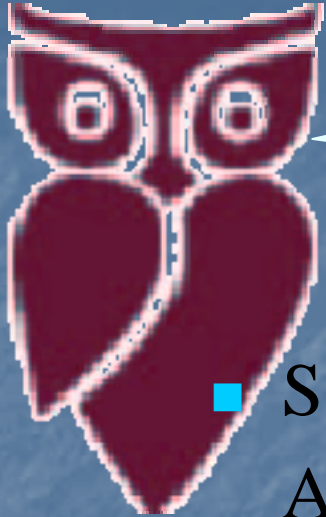




Sage Watch

A Program of the State of Hawaii,
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SageWatch ?

- SageWatch is a federally funded program by the Administration on Aging. Nationally known as the Senior Medicare Patrol Projects (SMP).
- Recruit and train retired professionals to educate their communities in the prevention, detection and reporting of Medicare/Medicaid fraud, error and abuse

SageWatch Volunteers

40 volunteers statewide

- Volunteers are trained on topics such as:
- Medical Equipment Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Billing Fraud
- Medicare/Medicaid Fraud



Did you know that.....



- Health care fraud, errors and abuse costs the US approximately \$180 billion a year.
- \$1 of every \$ 10 spent on the Medicare/Medicaid programs is lost to fraud.
- Beneficiaries themselves lose more than \$10 billion each year to health care fraud.

What does this have to do with people on Medicare?



It takes money away from Medicare that should be spent on YOU!

What does Healthcare Fraud look like?

- Billing for services that were not provided
- Billing for non-covered services
- Double billing
- Identity theft
- Scare and pressure tactics



Where is the fraud ?

Identifying areas of concern

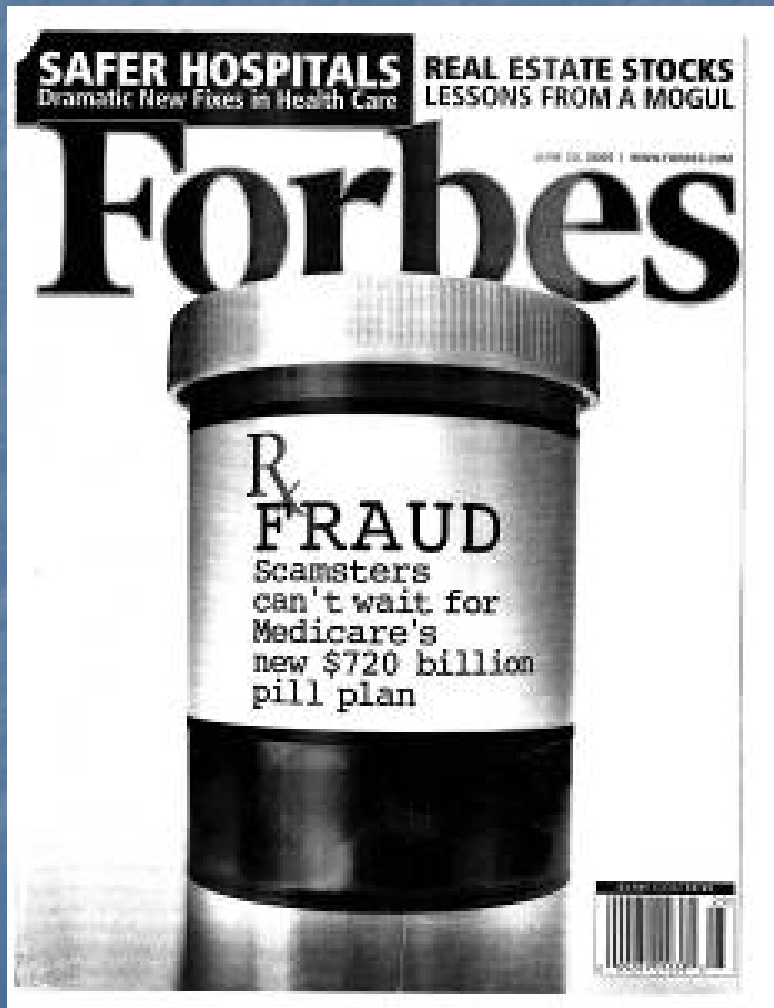


Willie Sutton

Why do you rob banks?

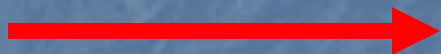
Because that's where the money is!

Why is the Medicare Prescription Drug Program so Vulnerable to “Scamsters”?



- Confusion
- Panic

ID Theft



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What is the fastest growing scam in Medicare ?

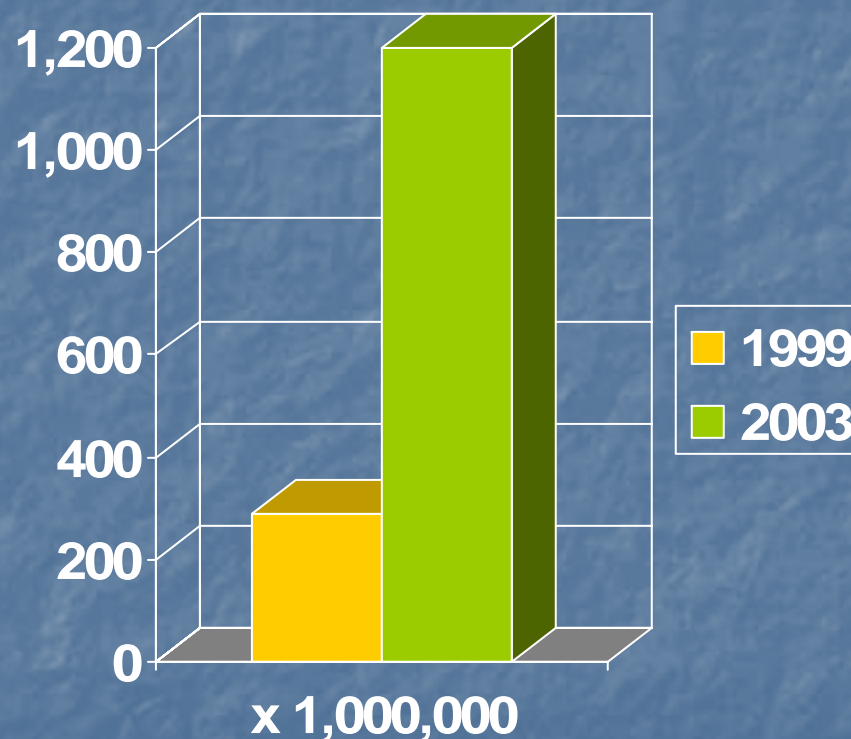
Answer: Medical Equipment Fraud



The Numbers Tell the Story

Total Medicare
payments for
power wheelchairs

- 1999 - \$289 million
- 2003 - \$1.2 billion



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